

combining the first fiber ply on the first belt on and
with the second fiber ply on the first wire belt in the combining
section;

the second fiber ply being formed in a region which,
along the first direction of the first belt, lies upstream of the
combining section, and running the second fiber ply of the first
wire in the second direction into the combining section at an
angle [of less than 90°] with respect to the first orientation of
the first belt entering the combining section.

Please add claim 29 as follows:

29. The process of claim 28, wherein the second fiber
ply is run into the combining section at an angle of less than
90° with respect to the first orientation of the first belt. --

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels original claims 1-25
and 30. Claims 26-29 are the non-elected original application
claims which read on species II.

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